

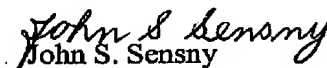
REMARKS

A Notice of Allowance has been issued for this application, and the Issue Fee has not yet been paid.

This Amendment is being filed to cancel Claim 24 to reduce the number of claims. This Amendment does not raise any new issues and does not affect the allowability of the application. In particular, Applicants Attorneys have carefully reviewed all of the pending claims, and no other claims are dependent from Claim 24, and the cancellation of Claim 24 does not require any changes to any of the other claims.

Entry of this Amendment is thus respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with Applicants' Attorneys would be helpful to the disposition of this matter, the Examiner is asked to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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